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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1-14, 16, 25-34 and 37, the only claims pending and currently under examination in this application.

Claims 2-14, 16 and 26-34 have been amended to replace "A" or "An" with "The" pursuant to the recommendation of the Examiner. Claims 1, 25, 37 have been amended to clarify that the routine that is employed is a region processing routine, support for this amendment being found in the specification at page 11, line 28 to page 12, line 11. As the above amendments introduce no new matter to the application, their entry by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

In view of the above amendments, the objections raised against Claims 2-14, 16, and 26-34 may be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-16, 25-34 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-16, 25-34 and 37 have have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd ¶ for the remaining reason that the phrase "processing each region of each set according to a routine" is indefinite because the metes and bounds of "routine" is still not clear.

It is respectfully submitted that the claim language prior to the above amendments is not unclear, and that one of skill in the art when reading the specification, and particularly page 11, line 28 to page 12, line 11, would readily know what is meant by the term "routine." Specifically, one of skill in the art would know that the term "routine" as used in the claim refers to an algorithm that processes the data for a region.

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Nonetheless, solely in order expedite allowance of the present application, the claim language has been modified to specify that the routin is a region processing routine.

As such, it is submitted that this rejection may be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

The applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone Gordon Stewart at 650 485 2386. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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